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Petition from Arizonans against smart meters and the smart grid

We, the undersigned, call upon the Arizona State Legislature and the Arizona Corporation Commission to take immediate action to address the growing concerns by the general public about the installation of wireless smart meters on homes and businesses that are being used to transmit electricity, gas and water utilization data to the utility companies, whether investor owned or municipally owned and operated.

We are also concerned about the increasing proliferation of wireless communications antenna arrays that support wireless broadband communications technologies in the state of Arizona. These radio frequency and microwave transmissions have been declared harmful by numerous experts in the field and many of these experts call for long-term studies on the effects of the transmissions on the health of all living things.

On May 31, 2011, the WHO International Agency for Research on Cancer classified radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as possibly carcinogenic to humans based on an increased risk for glioma, a malignant type of brain cancer, associated with wireless phone use. This follows the 2002 classification by WHO of extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields as being possibly carcinogenic to humans based on a link between childhood leukemia and power lines.

People across this country and worldwide are reporting problems caused by the mandatory siting of wireless smart meters and other wireless antennas near their homes, schools and workplaces. The most common concerns are personal health, privacy, erroneous bills, rate hikes, cyber security, fire danger, and legal issues.

We, the undersigned, understand that there is no public oversight by the federal or state government into these issues and want you to investigate these claims further.

There are alternatives to wireless smart meters that are not being used by utility companies, which gives consumers no choice or say over these health and safety issues. Continuing use of the existing analog electro-mechanical meters or a safer wired metering option should be given to customers by the utilities.

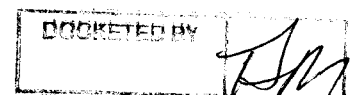
We request that customers be allowed to opt-out of having a smart meter, without the penalty of higher costs. We further request that existing analog meters are not disposed of by each utility and that they be securely stored until this matter is resolved.

We request that the ACC hold public meetings throughout the state so that customers who can't come to Phoenix are able to air their concerns and present evidence to support them. The system for filing documents with the ACC is a confusing mess for even those who understand government bureaucracy.

We request that the ACC and the Legislature impose a moratorium on any new smart meter installations until further investigation into health, privacy, security, and legal issues are undertaken.

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